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**RESPONSE TO MAY 13, 2008 OFFICE ACTION  
IN U.S. PATENT APPLICATION NO. 10/567,073**

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Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 13, 2008, please enter this Amendment and Response into the file of the above-identified application.

The time for responding to the May 13, 2008 Office Action without extension was set at three months, or August 13, 2008. This Response is therefore timely.

Please amend the specification of the above-identified patent application as set out in **Section I, Amendments to the Specification**, beginning on page 3 hereof.

Please amend the claims of the above-identified patent application as set out in **Section II, Amendments to the Claims**, beginning on page 5 hereof.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments to the specification and claims, and the ensuing remarks set out in **Section III, Remarks**, beginning on page 14 hereof, is respectfully requested.

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